GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EDUCATION SECTOR TO FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Opening up the education sector: Is India ready for the challenge` appearing in the 'Times of India' dated 10.11.2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government are going to open up the education sector for foreign Universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the plan chalked out for the purpose; and

(e) the impact thereof on our country and culture?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The news item is mainly regarding a proposal to hire University teachers on contract basis. It also refers to the need for negotiating skillfully to face international competition.

(c): India is a member of World Trade Organisation (WTO) and a signatory to General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). No commitment is made on Education Sector so far under GATS.

(d) & (e): The Government is seized with the issue and before making any proposal, would take into account the country's need and requirement, security, social conditions and cultural impact etc.